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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/580,607 :
FILED: MAY 25, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679
FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING A :
HERMETIC TUBULAR JOINT
COMPRISING LOCAL AND
INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES),
BY MEANS OF PLASTIC
EXPANSION

AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.